OTHER APPROPRIATIONS MADE-BIDS RE-CEIVED FOR THE NEW HALL

OF RECORDS. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment yesterday voted to give city money to more of the charitable institutions which are under private control. Institutions not provided for a week ago had an opportunity to present their applications again. Physicians of the New-York Medical League were not present to make protest against giving city money to hospitals. Mayor Strong spoke in favor

of the hospitals and medical schools.

A tie vote, in the absence of President Barker of the Tax Department, prevented the giving of money to the New-York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, which asked for \$30,000; the New-York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospita and the New-York Homosopathic Medical College and Hospital.

The Woman's Medical College and Hospital received \$7,000; the Sloane Maternity, \$5,000; the American Female Guardian Society, \$15,000; the New-York Infirmary for Women and Children \$4,000; St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf, \$29,817; the Shepherd's Fold of the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$5,000; the New-York Infant Asylum, \$50,641; the Bables' Hospital, \$4,789, and the Mothers' and Bables' Hospital, \$4,000.

The Board at noon adjourned other work to open the bids for the new Hall of Records. There were

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The Board appropriated \$420,000 for completing Harlem Bridge, \$127,500 for new additions to Bellevue Hospital and for buildings on the islands, \$75,-000 for bicycle and bridle paths in Bronx and Pelham parks, \$49,000 (about) for heating and ventilating schools uses, \$12,240 for architects' fees on the new school Mouses, \$12.240 for architects' fees on the new hall of the Board of Education, and \$31,227 for special counsel fees in acquiring land for small parks. At the request of a delegation of Park police sergeants \$1,500 was added to the budget of the Park Department for increasing the salaries of Park sergeants, who will become regular municipal sergeants next year, to the amounts given to municipal police sergeants.

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The General Society of the Mechanics and Tradesmen's Library sent a communication to the Board stating that it would not ask the State authorities for a certificate of circulation on account of a possible weakening of some provision of its charter, which its officers assert is a special charter. The Board refused some days ago to give the library any money without the certificate. The library officials say that they will get along as best they can without help from the city, although they say that their free service will be considerably hampered.

PELHAM PARK FRANCHISE VETOED.

THE ALDERMEN RESTRAINED FROM OVERRID-ING THE VETO.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday received from Mayor Strong his veto of the Pelham Park Rail-road franchise, in which he says that the legal complications in which the matter is involved made it impossible for him to sanction the granting of such a franchise. The Aldermen received the veto and laid it over.

Notice was served upon the Aldermen of a permanent injunction, signed by Justice Truax, on the application of J. C. Cooly, to prevent the Board from passing the franchises over the Mayor's veto.

MONEY-ORDER RUSH AT THE POSTOFFICE.

MORE ORDERS ISSUED FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES LAST BATURDAY THAN ON ANY OTHER DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE OFFICE

This is the rush season for the money-order department of the General Postoffice. At this time every year large sums of money are sent through the office from this country to foreign countries from sons and brothers to fathers, mo ers, sisters and sweethearts in the Old Country. More money orders go to the British Isles than to any other foreign country from the United States, but the individual money orders to Germany are larger than those to the British Islands. Of the latter the orders sent to Ireland are, of course, most numerous. The Postoffice does not send all of the money. Some of it goes by check and some by express. The Postoffice money-order department, however, handles most of the cash that goes across the sea to "the old folks at home."

Next to New-York, Chicago sends more money across the ocean at this time of the year than any other city in the country.

Last Saturday more money orders were made out for foreign countries in the New-York Postoffice money-order department than on any other day in the history of the office. No less than 16,859 money orders were issued for foreign countries. This increase speaks well for the condition of the country, and especially of the poorer classes. It is gaid that the American Line steamer St. Louis will carry 50,000 money orders when she sails to-day, or about \$750,000.

MRS. RATCLIFFE TELLS HER STORY.

TESTIMONY AGAINST HER HUSBAND, THE ACTOR -JUDGE NEWBURGER (RDERS HIM LOCKED UP.

The trial of Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor, who is charged with assaulting his wife, the daughter of Peter De Lacey, was begun in earnest yesterday be-fore Judge Newburger in Part I of General Sessions. Assistant District-Attorney Lloyd opened the case for the prosecution, and then Mrs. liffe, the complainant, was called to the stand. The couple were married on August 23, 1894. assault complained of was committed in June last in the couple's flat at No. 169 West Eightleth-st. "He smashed me in the head with his fist," said

Mrs. Ratcliffe, in reply to Mr. Lloyd, "and knocked my head against the bronze candelabra, which bent them. He called me a lot of dirty names, and when I told him he ought to be ashamed of himself and that I would tell my people he said threateningly What do I care about a whole lot of --- terriers.' He told little Virginia not to come near me, and afterward threw me to the floor, holding me down by my hair, and struck me three times in the

"Then when I was about to leave the dining-room table he told me to go to my room, saying he would finish me there. I was again thrown to the floor, and I screamed "Murder!" My cries attracted the attention of the janitor, whom Rateliffe abused for

interfering.

Mrs. Ratcliffe then told of numerous assaults before the one complained of, which she charged against her husband. She also testified to instituting divorce proceedings, which were amicably settled, and about her reconciliation with her husband, much to the disgust of her father, who was strongly opposed to her marriage.

Ratcliffe has been out on \$5.000 bail, but when Court adjourned yesterday Judge Newburger ordered that he be locked up, and he was placed in a cell in the Tombs. The trial will go on to-day.

THE CONTROLLER-ELECT TAKES THE OATH. Bird S. Coler, the Controller-elect, appeared before Justice Truax in the latter's private chamber yesterday afternoon and took the oath of office. Mr. Coler was accompanied by the Brooklyn Demo-cratic leader, Bernard J. York, who witnessed the ceremony.

Pneumonia



result of a simple cold, which, being neglected, rapidly develops into pneumonia. It is especially prevalent at this time of the year

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WALL STREET AND EXCHANGES.

The changes in the price of wheat yesterday were unimportant. On the New-York Produce Exchange December wheat closed at 90% cents, the low price of the day, a decline of '2 cent from New Price of the day, a decline of '2 cent from the price of the day, a decline of '2 cent from the price of the day, a decline of '2 cent from the price of the day, a decline of '2 cents' a decline. Monday. May wheat closed at 92% cents, a decline of 15 cent. Export sales were nine loads. The Government estimate of the wheat crop, placing the yield at about 530,000,000 bushels, is believed. to be 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels too low. The Department of Agriculture in its first estimate placed the yield at 440,000,000 bushels, afterward raising the estimate to 465,000,000 bushels, and finally to 530,000,000 bushels. A large line of wheat is on the way from the Northwest to Chicago, as is shown by the fact that the stock of wheat in Duluth was decreased by 1,300,000 bushels for last week. Reports from Kansas City are to the effect that the movement of winter wheat from farmers hands is about to start up again, and it is esti-mated that only 50 per cent of the winter wheat from points contributory to Kansas City has been marketed so far. New-York still holds the lead in exports of wheat, with 22,000,000 bushels for eleven months of the year. Builtimore comes second with 14,000,000, San Francisco third with 13,500,000, and Boston next with 2,000,000, New-Orieans and Galveston exported 15,500,000 bushels, showing the extent of Gulf competition in wheat. This is a gain for these two ports over last year of 8,000,000 bushels, or more than 100 per cent. In corn the Gulf ports shipped only 28,000,000 bushels, or a shade under what they shipped last year, Ealtimore, Newport News and New-York gained heavily in corn shipments, while the Gulf ports failed to hold their own. from points contributory to Kansas City has been

A prominent New-York capitalist has acquired 20,000 shares of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company of Chicago as an investment. An official of the company states that ever since the merging of the several Chicago gas companies into the People's Gas Company the consolidated company has shown increased earnings. Its savings pany has shown increased earnings. Its savings in the item of legal fees alone are important, while operating expenses have been largely reduced. It is estimated that the saving in these two items will make a difference of \$250,000 in the first six months of the new company is fiscal year. The claim is made that the company is earning at the rate of tilly 7 per cent on the stock. The company is stated to have a surplus of over \$1,200,000. All income above the 6 per cent dividend will be turned into the treasury to swell the surplus account. The company has control of the natural gas business of Chicago, and it owns the rights for the acetyline process for the entire city.

The remaining \$30,000,000 of bonds issued by the Government in aid of the Union Pacific Railway, known as currency 6's, which are due January 1 will be paid, principal and interest, one week in advance, without discount. The payment for these bonds will not, as has been reported, be made from money deposited in the banks designated by the money deposited in the banks designated by the Treasury Department as special depositories for money paid in by the Union Pacific Reorganization Committee on account of the Government debt, but from funds in the United States Treasury. The three remaining payments of \$5,500,000 each, to be made by the Reorganization Committee, will be made to the Sub-Treasury in New-York, inseed of to the special depository banks. These payments are to be made December 16, December 26 and January 6.

Arthur M. Sewall, master of the American clipper ship Benjamin Sewall, had a hearing yesterday be fore Collector Bidwell, Naval Officer Sharkey and Surveyor Croft, to show cause why the Chinese goods found in his ship should not be held. The goods found in his ship should not be held. The Sewall arrived at this port October 12, after a voy-age from Shanghal. Customs inspectors found a quantity of Chinese goods, curios, bric-a-brac and slike hidden in a bunk under a lot of cases in the hold. The goods had not been placed on the ship's manifest, and the attempt at smuggling was obvi-ous. It was decided to hold the arricles and to im-pose a fine of \$189, the value of them.

The stocks of the anthracite coal carrying railroads were strong yesterday on a report that a new agreement had practically been perfected for an increase in prices and a rearrangement of tonnage percentages. Net advances in the coal stocks, comparing the closing prices with those of Monday, were: Delaware and Hudson, 1: Lackawanna, 1: New-Jersey Central, 1%; Reading common, 1%; Reading first preferred, %; Reading second preferred, %

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France for a reopening of the trial of Dreyfus have been an aggravation in the situation of the prisoner of Devil's Island. A cable dispatch has reported that he is now chained to his bed as soon as night falls upon the dreaded rock off the Guiana coast. Moreover, the French Government, which has already displaced two chief wardens suspected of intentional carelessness, has increased by six men the number of the prisoner's guardiand transferred him to new quarters. der to make his escape less easy than it might have been before.

Dreyfus was sentenced just three years ago by court-martial to life imprisonment in a penal colony. It seems impossible to conceive, says the "Petit Parisien," how he could have endured the physical and mental sufferings he has experienced. Day and night he is watched by two guardians, who are forbidden to exchange a single word with who are forbidden to exchange a single word with him. He does not see anybody else, with the exception of infrequent visits of inspection made by the Governor, the director of the penal establishments of Guiana, and the General Attorney of Cayenne, the capital.

During the first months after his landing on Devil's Island Dreyfus occupied a miserable hut, completely isolated, but near and in view of the ocean. Afterward he was transferred further inside the island, and put in a wooden building, ten metres long and three metres wide and divided into two parts, one for himself and the other for his guards. He had the use of a small inclosure, where he could take some exercise and enjoy the view of the sea. But since the recent agitation a wooden wall, two metres high, has been erected for a promenade.

A FORTUNE OUT OF MISFIT CLOTHING.

THE IDEA OF UTILIZING THE MISTAKES OF FASHIONABLE TAILORS ORIGINATED BY DENIS SHEA.

Denis Shea, who died on Monday at his home on Washington Heights, was widely known as the originator of the misfit-clothing-store idea. He came to this country from Ireland, where he was born, and for some time was employed in the shop of a firstclass tailor in Broadway. While there he noticed the loss sustained by his employer by the amount the loss sustained by his employer by the amount of clothing left uncalled for or refused on the ground that it did not fit. He went West and accumulated a little money, but he never forgot the idea that all those high-class goods that were sold plasters being neglected, rapidly develops into pneumonia. It is especially prevalent at this time of the year and should be guarded against by wearing a BENSON'S Plaster over the chest. In all Throat and Lung affections, Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, etc., BENSON'S Plasters afford immediate relief. Accept no substitute, serious results may occur by wearing a plaster which the druggist claims (falsely) is just as good. BENSON'S CURES—Substitutes do not. Price, 25 cents. All druggists. at a great loss, if they were sold at all, could be

CITY HALL NOTES.

The Gas Commission yesterday decided to ask the Corporation Counsel's opinion as to the legal right of the Board to install a general lighting system in streets where there are no electrical subways. Residents of City Island have been urging the Board to light their streets with electric lights.

Aldermen-elect P. T. Sherman, Homer Folkes, Joseph Oatman and Bernard Glick were sworn into office by Mayor Strong yesterday afternoon.

The "oath book" in the Mayor's office, in which officials who were sworn into office subscribed their ty years ago, has been used by all the Mayors since then, and is nearly full of signatures. Mayor Van Wyck will have to get a new book if he keeps up the practice of making officials sign their names when they take the oath from him. names in the time of Mayor John T. Hoffman, thir-

The Board of Aldermen yesterday passed the ordinance in regard to truckmen's badges recon ed by the committee of truckmen and truck owners The new ordinance provides for badges, independent The new ordinance provides for badges, independent of the truck number, to be worn and owned by drivers, and to cost 25 cents each. The Board also passed an ordinance forbidding pedlers to stand on Park Row from New-Chambers to Ann-st., on Nas-sau-st, from Park Row to Ann, and on Centre from Park Row to Chambers. This is intended to keep the Brooklyn Bridge entrance clear.

A resolution was introduced in the Board of Aldermen yesterday to spend \$600 in decorating the City Hall on January 1, and providing an orchestra to Hall on January I, and providing an orchestra to celebrate the advent of the greater city. The Committee on County Affairs was to confer with Mayor Strong and Mayor-elect Van Wyck with reference to inviting all officials in the territory that will make up the Greater New-York. The resolution was laid over for a week in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The Board of Aldermen met as a Board of County Canvassers at 1 p. m. yesterday after having been informed that Justice Andrews had vacated the insecured by the Citizens Union candidates in junction secured by the Citizens Union candidates in the XIXth Assembly District, H. P. Okie for Alder-man and Perez M. Stewart for Assemblyman. The Board met to declare the vote in that district. Just as they were about to do this an order to show cause, obtained from Justice Pryor subsequently, was served upon them, thus restraining them again. This order is returnable before the Court to-day. The Board adjourned until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

President-elect Guggenheimer of the Municipal ouncil was present at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday and was introduced to the Board. Councilman-elect Stewart M. Brice also was a visitor.

THAT GROUP OF SUN SPOTS.

A LITTLE OUT OF SEASON, BUT NOT OTHERWISE AT ALL REMARKABLE.

would not be safe to conclude, from the fuss which has been made in certain quarters within the last two or three days over a group of spots which has recently appeared on the sun, that this is the first time in history that such a spectacle has occurred, or that any terrible consequences are likely to ensue in the near future. The same sort of thing has been observed at rather irregular in-tervals for hundreds of years past, and had prob-ably occurred without being noticed for thousands of years prior to the first recorded discovery.

A dark spot on the sun's surface is only one of several manifestations of an exposive energy that

is undoubtedly at work there, with varying activity, pretty much all the time. Just above the "photosphere," the dazzlingly brilliant cloud shell of the sun, which is the source of nearly all the light we receive from that body, there lies a thin pink layer, composed mostly of incandescent hydrogen and known as the "chromosphere." At times the lower stratum seems to be gently heaved up, in patches, above its ordinary level, thus presenting spots which are a trifle brighter than the rest of the solar surface. These are called "faculæ." The pink layer is tossed up, too, somewhat more viocently, into masses of the most fantastic shape. which often retain their general form for hours and even days. These are the "hydrogen protuberances." Hesides, there are eruptions, more sudden and ophemeral, in which metallic vapors are sho up from the photospheric level with a most incon ivable velocity, and sometimes attain an elevaion of two hundred thousand miles in less than an hour. This is nearly the distance of the moon from

y rather than directly, of the same forces (chemi-nal, electrical or volcanic) which give rise to these her phenomena. They are largest and most abundant when "facule," protuberances and erupons are biggest and most numerous; and the spots are often closely associated, topographically, with the latter types of disturbance. Some astronomers imagine that the dark spots are caused by a down fall of cooled gases recently ejected from beneath the photosphere; others regard them as large floating masses of vapor which has radiated off some of its heat, and which lie on the photosphere like sing on motion iron. The old notion that a sun sport is a hole reaching clear through the luminous cloud shell has been almost entirely abandoned.

of the spot, when seek on the edge of the sun, resembles a cavity.

A sun spot consists of two parts, a darker patch, or umbra, at the centre, and an irregular border, made up of feathery streaks, alternately light and dark and pointing in toward the umbra. This gray-ish bet is called the penumbra. Usually a large spot is a companied by a number of small spots. These often arrange themselves in a nearly straight line. When Professor Brooks, of Geneva, N. Y., reported last Sunday that he had seen a group of apots he doubless meant that the area which they covered was one hundred thousand miles long, and mot that any insilviousl spot had a diameter of such dimensions. Probably no spot in the group, including its penumbra, is more than twenty thousand or thirty thousand miles across. But a size indicated by a diameter of twenty thousand or thirty thousand miles is not at all unusual.

er is not at all unusual, at two maximum stages of solar activity in 1835-8i, and in 1835-9d. The last minime early in 1839. Another is due within a to. The average length of these periods is even years. It is only because the present is a little out of season that it is at all

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DREYFUS ON DEVIL'S ISLAND.

The immediate results of the recent campaign in France for a reopening of the trial of Dreyfus

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JUSTICE PATTERSON'S ADDRESS

Henry W. Jessup, president of the Phi Delta Phi Club, yesterday prepared the following statement regarding Justice Patterson's talk to the Phi Delta Phi Club, at its dinner on Monday night: "Justice Monday evening, was in no respect of the character described in the morning papers; it was neither sensational nor was it pessimistic. On the contrary, Judge Patterson gave to the members of the club (all of whom are young men) a talk full of reminiscence, and delightful with witty anecdotes of the generation of leaders of the bar at the time he began practising, before the war. He gave a most humorous description of the conditions of practice in those days, of the entourage of the practising lawyers, of the personnel of the working law office, of the high professional character and ability of such men as Hoffman, Hill, Wood, O'Conor and Webster, and incidentally merely, and by way of enabling his hearers to appreciate the character of these men, he compared them, not only in their general professional standing, but in their powers of intuitively sizing up a witness in the trial of a case, in their masterly power of discrimination in specific cases, of judging when and when not a witness should be cross-examined, to such men as the acknowledged leaders of the New-York bar of to-day—the past masters in the art of cross-examination.

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"There was not the slightest impression created on his hearers of any sensational or pessimistic character. The comparison necessarily drawn, however—and which is an acknowledged fact—was that the practice of the law to-day has become a business, and is in danger of degenerating into a trade; that the lawyer of to-day is in many cases a man of affairs, and not merely an advocate. The Justice regretted that development which made the great advocate no longer such a necessity as in those days he was, and reduced the practice of the law to a matter of skilled negotiation and business.

law to a matter of skilled negotiation and business.

The main part of the Justice's address, following this reminiscent strain, was by way of friendly counsel to the members of the club as young lawyers in regard to the methods of conducting trials and of preparing briefs. Nothing could have been more kindly than the spirit of the talk, which was full of rare humor and of a kindly counsel, which was thoroughly appreciated by those present."



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THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED NOT TO CELE-BRATE THE PASSING OF OLD NEW-YORK.

Mayor Strong yesterday sent out the following igned statement; signed statement:

At a meeting of the committee appointed at Delmonico's to formulate plans for the carrying out of a suitable celebration upon the merging of old New-York into Greater New-York, it was decided that, as the character of the ce-bration would be purely historical, there would not be sufficient time for the spenkers to prepare themselves upon the subjects designated, and it was resolved to abandon the undertaking entirely.

BIDS FOR CITY BONDS OPENED.

NINE FIRMS ONLY BID FOR OVER FIVE MILLIONS.

There were only three bids offered at the sale of 3% per cent additional dock bonds, schoolhouse bonds, park and street opening stock fund and consolidated stock for repaying streets and avenues held yesterday afternoon in the Controller's office in accordance with the terms advertised. The bids, which were sealed, were opened in the presence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and as read by the Controller were as follows:

Vermilye & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. bid \$106.46 and accrued interest for all, and R. L. Day & Co. \$103.29 and interest for all or none. Harvey Fisk & Son, J. P. Morgan & Co, and Lake Brothers & Co. bid in partnership as follows: For \$175,000 dock bonds, \$105.577 and interest; \$105.513 schoolhouse bonds, \$105.889; street and park opening bonds, \$105.889; street and park opening bonds. The New-York Plate Glass Insurance Company, bid The New-York Plate Glass Insurance Company bid for \$100,000 worth of all bonds, as follows: Dock bonds, \$105.85; schoolhouse, \$104.25; parks and stree openings, \$104.56; street and avenue repaying, \$104.55 Arbuckle Brothers bid for \$1,750 dock bonds at \$107.08 schoolhouse, \$106.01; park and street openings, \$106.01 Spencer Trask for \$9,000 dock bonds, \$105.51; George A. Smith for \$5,000 schoolhouse bonds, \$193.5 Colonial Assurance Company, \$50,000 dock bonds. \$108.47, and L. A. Lanreusell, \$103 for \$5,000 school 1984.47, and L. A. Lahrensell, 1985 for solved schoolshouse bonds.

Each bidder sent with his bid the required two per cent deposit, and the bonds will go to the highest bidder, who is required to send a check for the stocks or bonds awarded to him within five days after they are informed of the award. The stocks and bonds are all 3½ per cent gold-bearing ones, and are exempt from taxation. Thore were 17.50, and are exempt from taxation. Thore were 17.50, 500 dock bonds. 25.673,240 07 schoolhouse bonds, 2919. S20 48 street and park opening bonds and 1900,000 atreet repaying bonds to bid for. In each case the principal is payable on November 1, 1928, and interest payable November 1 and May 1.

LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

Charles T. Hooper, dealer in pictures at No. 76 Nassau-st., and one of the oldest dealers in this line in the city, made an assignment yesterday to Nathantel Shiverick without preference, Mr. Hoope has been in business over forty years. He opened branch stores in Broadway several times, but discontinued them after a few years' trial. He had an excellent reputation in the trade, and heretofore has always paid his obligations in full. In March, 1896, he sold his last piece of real estate to raise money to pay off some pressing claims in the shape of notes amounting to about \$5,000. The assignment is ascribed to dull business. He carried about one hundred pictures in stock.

Justice Truax of the Supreme Court yesterday

Justice Truax of the Supreme Court yesterday denied an application for a receiver for the Enterprise Cold Storage Company, of Nos. 5 to 11 Harrischer, and by James Power, a creditor. A scens. In superior of the place since December 3, and Mr. Power a few days ago obtained a temporary injunction restraining the obtained a temporary injunction restraining the Sheriff from seiling out the concern. The Sheriff announced yesterday that the right title and inannounced yesterday manufacturer of curters in the plant and leases would be sold to-day. John Kroder, incorporated, manufacturer of curtain poles at No. 47 Crosby-st. who failed in October, 1895, with liabilities of 1102,000 and assets of 1895,000, has completed a settlement with his creditors. The company offered to settle last summer at 8 cents on the dollar.

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